

## *History Board at Camp Currie*

The name "J.D. Currie Youth Camp" was selected to honor the Camas Attorney who conducted an outdoor program for young boys in the area. J.D. Currie youth groups the chance to enjoy nature in one of the most beautiful scenic areas in Clark County.

The site of the camp was leased from Crown Zellerbach. Material for the lodge kitchen, fire place and outside cooking facilities were donated by the mill and several individuals. Crown Zellerbach also donated the cable for the fences, wood and lumber for fuel, and a large cedar log which was hauled out for shakes to cover the lodge and kitchen.

A very special donation, a World War II Bell at one time hung in the tower above the lodge. During the war in Grand Island, Nebraska, a large bell was found in an old school house at a location where a munitions plant was being built. It was given to Mr. Meyer Avedovech, involved in the munitions project and he in turn donated it to his good friend, J.D. Currie for the youth camp in 1947.

Buildings include the lodge, separate toilet building, a covered outdoor cooking fireplace, the care takers cottage, a campfire bowl, and a chapel. Natural advantages, include an amphitheater, where evening council fires are built, athletic field that has been developed, and a big swimming hole where Lacamas Creek runs into the lake.

Here at Camp Currie, young people can observe, appreciate, and study plant and animal wildlife in their natural habitats.